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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3, 4 and 8.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 14. (Newly added) A battery according to Claim 1, wherein said average particle size of said filler is 1 μ m or smaller.

15. (Newly Added) A battery comprising a battery body comprising:
a positive electrode and a negative electrode each containing an active material;
a separator holding an electrolyte; and
an adhesive resin layer joining at least one of the positive and the negative electrodes to
the separator,